MEMORANDUM for the Record 29 August, 1978

From: [redacted] USN

To: D4

Subj: Information request solicitation

The enclosed chronology was drafted for the S group security officer and is forwarded for information.

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The following is reported for the record. Background information is provided to maintain perspective.

Monday, 10 July, 1978 Checked aboard Ft. Meade

Friday, 21 July I explained my association with UFOs to my supervisors and contacted [redacted] (former S1 staff) who inturn arranged an appointment with [redacted] of D4.

Monday, 24 July Discussed UFO status with D4 concluding that I understand my position, and that NSA prefers that I keep an extremely low profile.

Wenesday, 26 July Had a security brief by M5 where I explained my position on UFO matters and related that I had checked with D4 on this and that I had an understanding of my position relating UFOs, NSA and me. Discussed UFOs at length.

NOTE: Upon checking into a command I do not generally surface this problem till I am settled in but in this case I was due to attend a UFO Symposium in Dayton, Ohio on the 29th and 30th of July and thought it proper to notify NSA because of the remote possibility of the symposium getting some national media coverage and the possibility that my name or photograph might be associated with such coverage.

Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 July Attended the Mutual UFO Network 1978 UFO Symposium, Dayton, Ohio. On saturday a program was presented by a Mr. Stringfield and as an adjunct he introduced a Mr. Robert Barry. Barry discussed, and showed publicly, two letters he allegedly [redacted] My immediate opinion was that the letters were fraudulent. Sunday I was introduced to Mr. Stringfield and requested copies of the letters. I explained that I felt that the letters were frauds and that I thought I could possibly have them checked out.

Thursday, 3 August Contacted NSA [redacted] on the matter of the letters, who inturn referred me to [redacted] requested I provide them with copies of the letters, which I did, wherein they eventully

wrote to Mr. Ba[redacted] explaining that the letters w[redacted]e fraudulent.

NOTE: During the period that I discussed the letters with [redacted] and some people in the UFO community, I had developed some suspicions, which I discussed with both groups, that:

1) [redacted] or,

2) [redacted] had some involvement because he claimed to know the signer of the letter that Barry recieved, which later on proved to be a non-existent entity, and he seemed, through secondhand information, to know too many answers to questions about the letters and [redacted]

[redacted]

Sunday, 27 August [redacted] Called me at approximately 2000. We talked for nearly one hour. He first wanted to clear up the matter of his working for NSA, a claim he has made publicly in several interviews. He said he had been talking to [redacted] and that [redacted] had said I had checked on his [redacted] employment at NSA. I explained to him that that was not the case but that in the process of letting the proper people know I was aboard, (D4), his name came up in relation to someone else requesting that information from NSA and that the fact was that NSA records did not reflect that he had every worked for them. He explained what his former association with NSA was. He had been, from 1963 to 1966, in ASA and at one time had been a shift supervisor at a crit-a-com relay [redacted] The discussion turned to general UFO topics and some general conversation [redacted] NSAs role, ie. they both provide a service and/or a product to many government agencies.

Then [redacted] asked me if it would be possible for me to do some looking around at NSA for UFO related information. He further explained that he did not mean covert looking but openly checking on what ever I could. I told him my standard answer, that the only thing I could do was to watch for information and to note its declassification date, then, if it was or would be declassified, I would either request the information myself or queue someone on the outside to request the information from the originator. He brought up the fact that "some things could be declassified simply by asking", suggesting that one can not ask for something that they did not know of its existence. I told him that in that case I would have to work that problem strickly from the inside untill such documents or information was deplassified. I went on to explain to him that I work in COMSEC, which term he understood, and that I would have very little opportunity, if any, to ever find out if any such information existed. Further that in my experience with the Navy that in general I had seen very little information of interest to the UFO community and that when I had it was not in an official UFO context. He then explained that he understood that there was certain infromation that he, nor andone else in the civilian community, would ever see because of methods and/or sources, but, for example he knew that the National Command Center had sent UFO information to NSA as part of an address group.

All in all he was requesting me to watch out for UFO related information within NSA, which I tend to do on my own, but he was requesting that I pass on what I could. I, all in all, left him with the understanding that I was very limited in what I could do. I have, to some degree, checked on [redacted] character with some people who have worked with him more closely. There is some thought that he would be capable of being behind the [redacted] fraud and that he is apt to go to most any length to collect information or to bend facts to fit his needs.

I personally have some fear that now that he has made contact with me, he may, either privately, or worse, publicly attempt to make it look as if I am an inside contact with NSA for him. Or, on the other hand, he may elude to having such a contact for years, then when he feels it appropriate or when cornered, hope to produce me as that contact.

I really do not know the man but I am fully confident that I can handle him in this situation. I have talked with him in a frank, clear manner that should have conveyed to him my position and I feel, without specific examples of his being dishonest, I should give him a chance of building a productive working relationship. As for his request for information, from what I know of the man I expected him to make such a forward approach upon meeting, though I did not anticipate him looking me up. I guess I should have expected that too.

Any further contact or requests for information will be reported.

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